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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Boyle, Donald C. }
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 09, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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